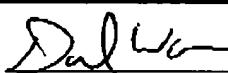
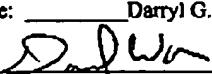


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Invention: Semiconductor Device and Its Manufacturing Method						
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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The following is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2005, and
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